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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 28, 2002, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on September 3, 1999 with claims 1-25. In the outstanding Office Action dated January 28, 2002, the Examiner objected to the drawings, and rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,289,501 (hereinafter "Seshadri") in view of admitted prior art from page 6 of the present specification. In this response, Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the drawings and the §103(a) rejection, and request reconsideration of the present application.

With regard to the objection to the drawing, Applicants respectfully submit that FIGS. 1(a), 1(b) and 2 are included as illustrative of example implementations of the present invention, and therefore need not be labeled as prior art. More particularly, the present application states in